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AN IDEAL OF THE KITCHEN.

In brown holland apron she stood in the kitchen;
Her sleeves were rolled up, and her cheeks all aglow;

Her hair was coiled neatly; when I, indiscreetly, stood watching while Nancy was kneading the dough.

Now, who could be neater, or brighter, or swifter,
Or who can sing so delightfully low;

Or who look so slender, so graceful, so tender,

As Nancy, sweet Nancy, while kneading the dough?

How deftly she pressed it, and squeezed it, caressed it!

And twisted and turned it, now quick and now slow;

Ah, no, but that madness, I've paid for in sadness;

'Twas my heart she was kneading as well as the dough.

At last, when she turned for her pan to the dresser,

She saw me and blushed, and said shyly,

'Please, go;

Or my bread'll be spoiling, in spite of my toiling;

If you stand here and watch while I'm kneading the dough.'

I begged for permission to stay. She'd not listen;

The sweet little tyrant said, 'No, sir! no no no!'

Yet when I had vanished on being thus banished My heart staid with Nancy while kneading the dough.

—John A. Fraser, Jr., in the Century.

Joe's Treat.

NOW SANTA CLAUS APPEARED TO MASTERS JOE AND MISS SIS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

It was Christmas Eve and crowds of

busy buyers and pleasure-seekers thronged Avenue A. Among them might have been seen a boy of perhaps ten years and a girl some three years his junior, who were evidently bent upon a very important errand, if one could judge by the number of times they paused and consulted, the look of earnestness deepening in their faces. Good faces they were, too, if a little soiled. The boy's frank and honest, with a merry twinkle in each dark eye, whilst the girl's blue ones wore an innocent, wistful expression. She would have been quite pretty if it had not been for the sickly color of her skin (want of proper nourishment), and the matted locks, which only needed soap and water to render them soft and golden. A straw bonnet, a portion of the brim missing, on account of its being several sizes too large, gave the child constant employment trying to keep it on. Its counterpart in the shape of a hat covered the curly head of her companion, whose pants could have easily held another boy.

Presently they paused before a large store with its window filled with cakes, square cakes, round cakes, frosted cakes, cakes with snow-white towers and cunning sugar cupids, cakes large and small, yellow with eggs or black with fruit. As the children stood gazing at the rich display an old gentleman passed, turned and retraced his steps, and also took his stand before the cake window. Ever and anon his kindly face was lit up by a smile as some remark of the children's reached his ears.

At last the important question seemed decided, for the boy, with a nod and the words, 'You Jess wait here, Sis,' made his way into the store. It was crowded, so he had to wait his turn, while the girl pressed her eager little face tightly against the window pane, tiptoeing on her small, bare toes in excitement.

There was quite a pretty flush on the child's delicate cheeks when the boy reappeared with a small parcel in his hand, and she exclaimed eagerly:

'Did you get it?'

'You bet was the answer, followed by a long-drawn-out 'Oh!' from the little girl as they made their way along the avenue, the old gentleman close behind them. After a while they turned into a side street and kept their steps toward a vacant lot, half shanty to by a brick wall and littered over with old packing-cases, trash and tarpaulin and refuse.

'Is it a nice place where you live?' questioned the girl, as her companion piloted her over barrel hoops and old crockery. A saucy look twinkled in the boy's eyes as he answered:

'Well, Sis, it isn't exactly what you'd call a brown-stone front; it's more on the Oscar Wilde style.'

'What's that?' and the little girl's eyes opened to their widest extent.

'That's a kinder style as is made up of old things as was chucked away no good to nobody.' Then he added:

'Here we are; Jess hold on a minute till I light the chandelier, or you might knock your head agin the frescoing.'

A small of sulphur, then the faint glimmer of a candle showed the outline of a large packing-case, partially covered with pieces of tarpaulin. Drawing one of these pieces aside, the boy bade his companion enter, adding:

'Sit down, Sis, till I git the fire a-goin'; you're company, you know.'

Obediently, Sis seated herself on an upturned butter-tub and gazed inquiringly around. The packing-case within which she sat stood lengthwise, a hole in its side being concealed by a curtain of sail cloth, the other side well and part of front were composed of pieces of tarpaulin, propped up by old broom handles and one best iron staple. At the rear stood a high brick wall. Adorning the packing-case's sides were a part of a circus poster, a Sunday school card and a colored lithograph.

By the time Sis had finished her inspection of the fire, which consisted of

charred coal and odds and ends of wood, was lit. It was built upon the ground, under a convenient air-hole, so the smoke was not so bad as it might have been. Then Sis produced a bundle that had hung carefully under her arm during the long walk. Unrolling the old sponson that was wrapped around it, she disclosed to view a small battered coffee-pot, about an ounce of coffee and a tiny package of brown sugar, observing, with a little womanly gesture:

'I knew very well that a boy wouldn't never think of that; so I begged Mrs. Dike to give me the coffee pot. Isn't it nice, Joe? and she was a going to throw it away and I got the coffee of a woman, I mind her baby sometimes instead of the penny, and a real nice grocery man let me scrape out a sugar barrel.'

Here, all out of breath at such a long speech for her, Sis made the coffee and sat it triumphantly upon the fire to boil, Joe exclaiming:

'Well, I'm blessed! we're a doing it right up to the handle.'

While sis bowed round the fire, for fear of an unruly coal upsetting the cherised coffee-pot, Joe drew from some hidden resources a lemon and two lumps of sugar. After slicing the lemon he dropped it along with the sugar into a tomato can full of water, and having stirred the beverage with his pen-knife gravely licked the blade to see if it was all right. Then, as he turned the butter-tub into a table, covering it with a piece of sacking table, covering it with a black letters, 'This Side Up,' he remarked:

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making it warm for the papers
having the "largest circulation in
the United States." Is it merely an
advertising scheme for himself or is
he in earnest?

An exchange states that the oldest
post-mistress in the Union is in
Massachusetts, and has been twenty-
two years in harness. What an im-
mense amount of postal cards she
must have read!

The Chicago Tribune which has
advocated the silver coinage from its
start now cries "We have enough." The
silver craze seems to be abating, and it is about time that the coun-
try came to its senses concerning the
matter.

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One can never merit in that
name.—*Portsmouth Journal.*

RATHER dour, isn't it Colonel?—
Concord Tribune.

Yea, but "Wheatland" will be
polled the vote of the country yet.

In New York every great busi-
ness has its own "Exchange," as
the Cotton Exchange, Produce Ex-
change, etc. This system of Ex-
change simplifies business wonder-
fully, but tends to reduce profits to
a minimum and is hence beneficial
to the community, although the
small trade suffers.

GOT, CLEVELAND of New York is
exercising his power in pardoning
many criminals from the State pris-
on. This power of pardoning is a
precious one, too, that gives a wide
scope for the use of judgment. Many a man still languishes in
bondage who might well be set free. In
no cases out of ten there are
circumstances connected with the
lesser crimes which would render
their committal execrable to some
extent.

THE Concord Tribune devotes
considerable space to discussing an
"open letter" from the ministers of
Keene regarding the State Tem-
porary Union. The Tribune is com-
menting on the desire of the rever-
end gentlemen to have a State agent
appointed to enforce the liquor law,
says that such an agent would be re-
garded as a busybody and a meddler
in every community where he
went. It may be that the Tribune
is right but why should a detective
—employed to ferret out violations
of the prohibitory law—be consid-
ered any more of a "meddler" than
the officer who hunts up offenders of
our other laws? Law is law, and
why distinguish between and except
a few. As long as the prohibitory
law is in our books, let it be enforced,
else it is not a law. A law un-
enforced is useless and might as
well be repealed.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—Three men were killed and eleven wounded at a fight during the primary elections in New Orleans.

—Burton Ellis, a negro, was hanged at Shelby, N. C., for the murder of Mrs. William Logan.

—It is charged in the Dominion that deserters from the American army have been followed into Canada and there arrested by United States soldiers.

—A wife turned out of the house with her children, by a drunken husband at Rockville, Ind., was burned to death while kindling a fire to warm her little ones.

—Lorenzo Turner, of Richmond, Va., says rum caused the murder of Indian Joe, and he did not know the crime was committed until arrested for it, because he was drunk.

—A boy was behaved by the elevator he was attending in Baltimore.

—At the burning of the Harris Mill, Lowell, nine firemen were severely injured by falling walls.

—Firemen gallantly rescued two of the crew of the burning steamer Napoleon III at Halifax.

—The liquor dealers of the Eleventh and Twentieth wards of New York city organized to defend their business against the present aspect of legislation and court decisions against them.

—The Standard Theatre in New York city was destroyed by a fire which broke out in the lobbies before the opening of the doors for the evening performance. A frame house in the rear of No. 105 West Thirtieth street was crushed by a falling wall. A man and a girl among the crowd were injured by a raking fire-way and letting them fall into the sub-cellars.

—A verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the Dredge case on every question of fact submitted to the jury was given at Norwich, and the insurance companies have been refused a new trial.

—Mrs. Christianity, the defendant in the celebrated divorce cases in Washington, died insane in Brooklyn, N. Y. Her death was caused directly by Bright's disease.

—In both houses of the Virginia General Assembly a joint resolution was introduced, demanding from other members that the powers of the State be accepted the "Hobbesian tail" as the ultimate settlement of the State debt.

—Two trains collided on the Georgia Central Railway. The trains were wrecked, one person killed and four injured.

—The court house at Butler, Pa., was totally destroyed by fire.

—A commercial treaty has been made between Canada and France.

—A Kentucky, finding he could not stop a fight between four men in the southern part of that State, drew his revolver and shot them all.

—Orange county (N. Y.) farmers deride the statement that in many instances the cows drink impure water, which injures the milk, and they say an investigation by the State Board of Health.

—Seven men of the British bank Beneficial, lost at sea November 20, arrived at New York on the steamer State of Pennsylvania. They had been eleven days without water when rescued. Fifteen of the crew left the vessel two days before, and are supposed to have been lost.

—Your Mexican murderers are said to have been typhoid.

—The feeling of opposition to the Dominic government in Winnipeg is said to be on the increase.

—The Victoria Parliament, sick of the Chinese, will restrict their immigration.

—At Rockport, Mass., the Aztec Cotton Mill was almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

—The Mount Hickory Rolling Mills, at Erie Depot, Pa., were destroyed by fire, involving a loss of about \$250,000.

—The exploring expedition into the Everglades of Florida has successfully accomplished its object.

—Certain slavery issues have been removed from Texas by the commencement of a suit against the United States for the cause of the slaves manumitted during the war.

—A curious story comes from the N. Y. Custom House of a prominent physician who called on the Collector and handed him a check for \$10,000 for the "science fund." The money was for duties of which the government had been defrauded.

—Yanktonians are deserting their reservation in Montana, asserting that they are not properly cared for by the Poplar River Agency, and that they will resist any site kept to take them back.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

In the Republican caucus for Secretary of the State General Ammon G. McRae was nominated, and Senator George F. Edmunds, receiving 12 votes to 10, was elected for the Senate.

The total value of the exports of petroleum and petroleum products from the United States for the month of October was \$1,000,000.

The Supreme Court decided in favor of Jeff Davis in the suit brought by the relatives of the late Mr. Donley to additioal the will of that party.

The National Democratic Committee selected the 2d of June, 1861, for the holding of the Change in the place for the meeting of the National Democratic Convention. The proposition of Senator Dixie to change the base of representation was adopted.

A number of Congressmen and other prominent citizens called upon President Lincoln to urge his intercession in behalf of O'Connor, the Irish informer.

The Mexican Veterans, now at the White House as a body and paid their respects to the President. They were received in the East Room and presented individually to the President.

Three bills have been introduced in the House providing a government for Alaska, and another will be.

The Senate has already before it more than three hundred bills, and working has been given to nearly all of them. The bills will be introduced in the House this week.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury has introduced the pension bill for the past four years and requested its introduction in the House. It will be introduced in the House on December 1st, payment to be made in the order of presentation of the bills.

Mr. Hawley, of Alabama, will introduce a bill limiting the number of members of the House to 350.

The Shipping Bill which failed to become a law last session will again be introduced in the House by Mr. Dixie.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

—Mr. Sherman offered a resolution which provides that the President be authorized and requested to invite the Republics of Mexico, Central America, South America and the Empire of Brazil to a conference to be held at Washington upon such a day as he may appoint during the year 1862, to consider the best mode of concluding upon a firm and lasting basis, peaceful and reciprocal commercial relations.

Senator Dixie addressed the Senate on his sinking fund resolution. Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, offered a bill to prohibit amendment to prevent states in their rights.

The committee reported to the Senate a bill providing a territorial government for Alaska.

—A bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter was introduced by General Sherman, and one to authorize the retirement of General Alfred Pleasonton.

Among the important bills introduced in the Senate was one to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States. The powers are very wide ranging. The bill was drawn up by Mr. Dixie, and it is believed to be as acceptable to the profession as the Lowell bill.

This bill would provide a uniform system of bankruptcy for all the states, or four or five states, and would be a great boon among cities, two or three of the states of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and a number of the states of the Union for the reduction of postage and the withdrawal of taxation of the trade guilds.

Among the bills introduced were these:

To repair the internal revenue laws.

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting special legislation.

To give the Postmaster General power to reduce postage on transient newspapers.

To pension prisoners of war confined in Confederate prisons during the late war.

To provide for the compensation of railroad agents and employees in case of the death of the master under certain circumstances to create a postal telegraph of the United States to reduce postage on drop letters to one cent.

Granting a pension to soldiers of the rebellion when they reach 55 years of age.

Mr. Hewitt (Dixie, N. Y.) offered the following:

That the House bring to the notice of the President the case of Patrick O'Donnell, claiming to be a citizen of the United States, in that the sentence of death in Great Britain, in the lower chamber of parliament, was such a severe delay in the execution of the sentence as will enable the President to assess whether the said O'Donnell is a citizen of the United States.

If it is found that he is a citizen of the United States, then it will be his right to be tried and convicted in accordance with the provision of municipal law of Great Britain and the requirements of international law.

The names of the members of the Committee on Postage and Telegraphs, from the Speaker, Mr. Brewster, of Kentucky; Mr. Bowles, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Knott, of Ohio; and Mr. Bowles, of Maine.

Mr. Cox, of New York, will leave to introduce a bill to prohibit the importation of a joint stock company for the repair of the coast road. Mr. Horner (Montgomery, N. Y.) offered the following:

FOREIGN NEWS.

—Universal suffrage and reform of the constitution in Spain are to be strongly urged by the Dynamic Left.

—A Madrid correspondent cables that changes in the treaty of commerce between the United States and Spain are being considered in Madrid.

—The Spanish government has no fears for the safety of its troops in and around Hanoi.

—The British government is preparing large supplies of war material for shipment to China, ports.

—A correspondent of *Hoover's* cables that the American National Council of Catholic Bishops will be held at Baltimore after the Presidential election.

—In his lecture on divorce Mgr. Capel asserted that Protestantism was responsible for the introduction of divorce into Europe, and that the granting of this privilege was opening the flood gates to sensuality. Divorce, he maintained, destroyed the home and thereby brought a nation into decadence.

—A correspondent at Hong Kong cables that the King of Abyssinia has been possessed by the revolutionists, and that was by been declared against France.

—A French vessel is said to have taken possession of some islands in the Gulf of Guinea belonging to Spain.

—The royal speech to be read at the opening of the Spanish Cortes favors the extension of suffrage and other reforms.

—The bill permitting marriage between Jews and Christians will be referred to the committee into the lower house of the Chamber of Deputies.

—Eighteen persons have been executed in Serbia for aiding in the recent revolution.

—Violent gales prevailed throughout England the other day, causing much damage in London and the provinces. At Wolverhampton the engine building, which was only partially completed, was destroyed by the storm. Much damage was done to shipping and it is feared that many lives were lost.

—Arrangements are being completed for the execution of O'Donnell.

—A French anarchist has been sentenced to death.

—Chief Mampore has been hanged by the hands.

—The crew of a British steamer is in the hands of a hostile tribe in Sumatra.

—The war in Hayti is being prosecuted with vigor, several engagements have taken place.

—Mexico has reduced the custom duties on all imports brought in Mexican vessels.

—The Hungarian king legalizing marriage between Jews and Christians failed to pass the Upper House.

—Major Majendie thinks that the explosion in the London underground railway was caused by dynamite dropped down the track.

—It is said that the False Prophet's foul will search to Dongola, Great Southern province of Sudan, owing to repeated attacks by Bedouins.

—Berlin correspondence say that the visit of the Crown prince to the Vatican signifies the Emperor William's desire to make peace with the Pope.

—News has reached Aden that a great force of hill tribes attacked five companies of Egyptian troops which were reconnoitering outside of Sanaa. Some were captured and their artillery completely annihilated and their artillery captured.

—One fellow in the crowd took up a big stone and held it in front of him. "Fire into this," he cried, and then he hurried the stone right against the soldiers, wounding one of 'em severely, at which the mob set up a laugh.

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—Nine persons in Sligo, Ireland, have pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to murder a landlord.

—Twenty-three days beneath a fallen haystack and still alive, with prospects of recovery, is the condition of a man at Laramore, Wis.

—The Anatomy of the Horse's Foot.

There is probably no trouble so prevalent among horses as lameness, and the cause is very various, and for successful treatment of, and also as a preventive for, lameness, it is necessary to be familiar with the terrier.

Notwithstanding the fact that the hoof is hard and heavy, it protects a very delicate and tender structure.

There is only a very trifling space between the main bone of the leg and the hoof, so that there is scarcely any room for swelling consequent upon inflammation from any cause, and hence the presence of inflammation must indeed be very painful to the animal.

There are two bones in the hoof, the inner and outer, and these are separated by a thin membrane.

Then General Sanford took up the word. "Fire! Fire!" he called out twice, at the top of his lungs.

A number of minutes this obeyed the command; but the fire! did not come.

It was again divided whether the military or the police together could quell the mob.

One man prophesied a general uprising throughout the entire city of New York.

It was really, as Col. Duryea afterward remarked, speakin' of it, "awful moment."

But it was only a moment.

The Springfield *Republican* says: "Yes, Pete would be a fine workman."

Says Mr. Leopold:

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